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**BIRTH.**  
At No. 19-21, Mosque Street, on the morning of  
Sunday, the 19th inst., the wife of Mr. G. J.  
Suzanne, of a son.

**MARRIAGES.**  
At the German Chapel, on Monday, the 20th  
December, 1897, by the Rev. H. R. Kieck, TUNSON  
PUNCE, of No. 1, Bazaar Street, the Rev. H. R. Kieck,  
daughter of Otto TUNSON, of Hongkong, Germany.  
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On Tuesday, the 7th December, 1897, at the  
Union Chapel, Chai Yee, the Rev. F. T. TUNSON, of the  
Rev. CALVIN WIGG, of the American Presbyterian  
Church, in Miss IRENE EMMERICH, of the China  
Inland Mission.

**DEATHS.**  
At Tokyo, Hong Kong, Kapsan-shiki, No. 1, on Thurs-  
day, 9th December, MARGARET TUNSON, beloved  
wife of EDWARD TUNSON, M.B., F.R.S., aged 64.  
At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on the 15th  
December, BENJAMIN R. C. POWELL, of Philadelphia.  
Deeply regretted.

**The Daily Press.**  
HONGKONG, DECEMBER 21st, 1897.

The silk N. P. steamer *Tacoma* arrived in  
New York on the 17th inst.

There were 2,770 visitors to the City Hall  
Museum last week of whom 237 were Europeans.

In the football match yesterday afternoon the  
Club beat the West Yorkshire Regiment by  
four goals to nil.

During the month of November 3,420,000  
yen in gold coins is reported to have been ex-  
ported from Japan.

At the inquest held at Yokohama on the late  
Captain Waddell a verdict of temporary in-  
sanity was returned.

The financial straggle recently prevailing in  
Shanghai has been relieved to a considerable  
extent by the arrival of a large quantity of  
silver.

We have received from Messrs. A. S. Watson  
and Co. a wall calendar and pocket calendar, both  
tastefully got up, and the latter containing a  
large amount of useful local information.

The P. & O. steamer *Thames* left Singapore  
for this port on the 20th instant at 10 a.m.,  
with the outward English mail and is due here  
on the 24th instant at about 6 p.m.

At the Racecourse to-morrow morning  
Messrs. Hughes and Hough will hold an auc-  
tion of ponies, including light grey griffins  
labeled for the Hongkong Derby.

The Officers of the Royal Artillery will be  
held this afternoon at their Sports at HARRY  
Valley.

The P. M. steamer *City of Peking*, with  
General Chih-hai in a new role, having been  
assigned a high post in the administrative  
department of the new German colony at  
Kiaochow.

At Shanghai the other day there was a  
single foreign sailing vessel, either for-and-  
aft or square-rigged, in the harbour, exclusive of  
coastal pilot boats.

Twenty-five thousand dollars are to be spent  
on the erection of a British Consulate at Chang-  
king, and \$85,000 on a summer residence for the  
British Minister at Peking.—N. C. Daily News.

In Japan property owners are resenting the  
rates at present charged by the Fire Insurance  
Companies and at Yokohama the idea of estab-  
lishing a Co-operative Insurance Company has  
been mooted.

According to the China Gazette it was re-  
ported in Peking that Hsiao Ching-shan, a  
Chinese official in a new role, having been  
assigned a high post in the administrative  
department of the new German colony at  
Kiaochow.

The P. M. steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*,  
with mail, &c., from San Francisco to the  
27th ultimo, via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama,  
and left for this port on the morning of the  
19th instant, via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki,  
and Shanghai.

The news that the Belgian loan is now an  
accomplished fact is confirmed, and we learn  
that the loan of £10,000,000, which had previously  
only given its aspect to the loan being made,  
has now been arranged to guarantee it in the event  
of any failure of the original plan of security.—N. C. Daily News.

Sir Claude MacDonald had an audience with  
the Emperor on the 16th December at which  
he expressed the thanks of H. M. Queen Victoria  
for the Emperor's recognition of his jubilee.  
The ceremony was very imposing, and every-  
thing passed off very smoothly.—N. C. Daily News.

At Yokohama on the 11th December William  
Outhbert, charged with the murder of James  
Gerald, A.B., on board the British sailing  
vessel *Port Adelaide*, on 20th October, while  
at Nagasaki, was found guilty of manslaughter  
and sentenced to five years' penal servitude  
in Hongkong Gaol.

From Japanese papers we learn that tele-  
graphic news has been received that the British  
vessel *Port Adelaide*, which had been on the  
voyage between Hongkong and London, Three  
hundred and the engine-room had to be loaded,  
and the steamer did not arrive there until  
the 4th December. The *Kawachi* is in command  
of the Company's new steamers and is in command  
of Captain John Thompson.

The Germans had agreed to evacuate Kiaochow  
forthwith, without insisting on being given a  
permanent station, if, as was at one  
time understood they did, the Chinese agreed  
to the evacuation. The Germans demanded  
compensation, however, have now arisen which,  
it is feared, threaten to postpone indefinitely  
the German evacuation. The Chinese seem not  
to have ready the adequate means of meeting  
their adversary quickly while they had the op-  
portunity.—N. C. Daily News.

Yesterday Messrs. Grace and Co. the well  
known dealers in goods, opened their new  
chamber of commerce in the corridor of the  
HONGKONG HOTEL. The stall is lighted up for  
the occasion, the chief feature being a trans-  
parent formed by an enlargement of the  
HONGKONG HOTEL. In the stall there  
is the best display of postage stamps we have  
ever seen in Hongkong, and the collection in-  
cludes many rare specimens, among them being  
an inverted surcharge of 150 is. which  
the median mark of 150 is. is.

We learn from Kiu-ching under date the 13th  
inst. that two of the priests arrested by the  
Chinese authorities in connection with the  
Russian had purchased in the Kiu-ching moun-  
tains had died under their tortures. There  
are three more in prison and they will all meet  
the same fate. The Chinese authorities refuse  
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**HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative  
Council was held yesterday afternoon at the  
Colonial Secretariat, the Governor, Sir  
WILLIAM ROBINSON, G.C.M.G., presiding.  
His Excellency Major-General BRUCE, C.B.  
Colonial Secretary, Mr. J. H. STRAVER, COLONIAL  
CLERK, Mr. H. MURRAY, HARBOR  
MASTER.

Mr. F. H. M. Y. M. G. (Captain Super-  
intendent of Police).  
Hon. T. S. ROBINSON, SMITH (Colonial  
Treasurer).  
Hon. R. D. ORRERY (Director of Public  
Works).

Mr. H. H. CHAI, C.M.G.  
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The minutes of the previous meeting were  
read and confirmed.

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**  
The report of the Finance Committee (No.  
12) was adopted on the motion of the COLONIAL  
SECRETARY, seconded by the COLONIAL TREASURER.

**REPORT OF THE LIGHT DUES.**  
The HARBOR MASTER, Sir, I have to move  
the resolution standing in my name. Section 33  
of Ordinance No. 20 of 1891 provides that the rate  
of light dues shall be fixed by order of the Gov-  
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I have the honor to inform you that I am about to  
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